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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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*Whereas, Mike Zabawa, lovingly referred to as "Mr. Z." by his students, will be retiring from teaching and coaching in the spring, bringing an end to his 33 year career in the Anderson Community School Corporation;*

*Whereas, An English teacher by day, Mike Zabawa is the beloved chess coach for the South Side Middle School chess club and the Anderson High School chess club by night;*

*Whereas, In addition to his work as a chess coach, Mike Zabawa is the former vice president of the Indiana State Chess Association and served as the site coordinator and one of the chief tournament directors at the Scholastic Chess of Indiana Individual State Finals in 2003;*

*Whereas, Mike Zabawa has been considered the best chess coach in the state by his students, and his record stands as a testament to their recognition;*

*Whereas, The Anderson High School chess club won national co-championships in 1992 and 2000, and the Anderson High School and South Side Middle School chess clubs have been ranked in the top 10 nationally more than half of the time since 1987;*



*Whereas, Mike Zabawa believes chess is a "great social leveler" that brings together students from all economic and social levels;*

*Whereas, Chess is not a game about how intelligent one player is; it's a game about learning. Players learn opening moves, mid-game strategies, and end-game procedures;*

*Whereas, The lessons Mike Zabawa's students learn while playing chess will help to mold these young people into productive adults;*

*Whereas, Mike Zabawa is far more than an English teacher and a chess coach to his students;*

*Whereas, Mike Zabawa is a rare teacher who has the ability to inspire students and to show them how to reach their full potential and use their talents in everything they do; and*

*Whereas, Mike Zabawa is retiring to be closer to his daughters and their families in southern Indiana, and he will be greatly missed by his family of chess playing students at South Side Middle School and Anderson High School: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes Mike
- 2       Zabawa all the best in his retirement and thanks him for the countless
- 3       hours he has devoted to the youth of Anderson.
- 4       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Mike Zabawa and
- 6       his family and to the principal of South Side Middle School.

